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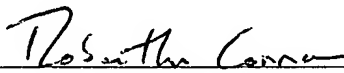
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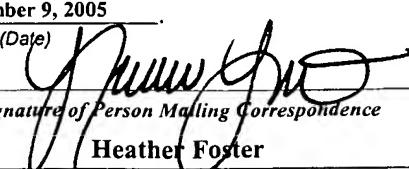
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RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

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Please enter the following Response in the above-identified patent application.

REMARKS

In response to the restriction/election requirement mailed on November 23, 2005, please enter the following Response. The restriction requirement requires Applicants to elect one of the following inventions under 35 U.S.C. § 121:

- I. Claims 1-11, drawn allegedly to a connector, classified in class 604, subclass 905.
- II. Claims 12-17, drawn allegedly to a cap for use in a connector, classified in class 604, subclass 256.
- III. Claims 18-26, drawn to a method for providing a sterile connection of a dialysate line, classified in class 604, subclass 500.
- IV. Claims 27-30, drawn to a method for providing peritoneal dialysis, classified in class 604, subclass 513.

First, Applicants wish to note that Claims 1 to 11 in the originally filed application are drawn to a cap for use with a connector, while Claims 12 to 17 are drawn to a connector. The above-listed Groups I and II are switched.